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Middle East

[Israeli army completes Gaza tunnel hunt: radio](#)

Source: Reuters

“Israeli ground forces have completed their main Gaza war mission of destroying cross-border tunnels dug by Palestinian guerrillas, Israel's two main radio stations reported on Tuesday, citing briefings from the military...”

[Israeli ground forces to quit Gaza ahead of truce](#)

Source: Reuters

“Israeli ground forces will completely withdraw from the Gaza Strip ahead of an Egyptian-mediated ceasefire set to begin at 0500 GMT (0100 EDT), a military spokesman said...”

[Gaza truce begins after Hamas rocket salvo at Israel](#)

Source: Reuters

“An Egyptian-mediated truce halting the Gaza war went into effect on Tuesday following a surge in cross-border rocket fire into Israel by the Palestinians Islamist group Hamas...”

[Palestinian foreign minister to push for Israel war crimes case at ICC](#)

Author/Source: Jussi Rosendahl, Reuters

“Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad al-Malki will on Tuesday visit the International Criminal Court in the Netherlands as he pushes for a war crimes case against Israel after nearly a month of fighting in the Gaza Strip...”

[Militants release three members of Lebanese security forces: sources](#)

Source: Reuters

“Islamist militants on Tuesday released three members of the Lebanese security forces they were holding in the border town of Aarsal, security and militant sources told Reuters...”

[Turkey builds camp for Turkmen refugees in northern Iraq](#)

Source: Reuters

“Turkey is building a refugee camp in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq to accommodate refugees from the ethnic Turkmen minority fleeing the rapid advance of Islamic State militants, a Turkish official said on Tuesday...”

[Iran seeks alternative to Maliki to hold Iraq together: sources](#)

Author/Source: Parisa Hafezi, Raheem Salman and Michael Georgy, Reuters

“Regional power broker Iran believes Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki is no longer able to hold his country together and is looking for an alternative leader to combat a Sunni Islamist insurgency, senior Iranian officials said on Tuesday...”



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Lebanon mobilizes all state forces in the fight against Sunni militants

Source: Xinhua News

“Lebanon is mobilizing all of its political forces and security agencies to fight Sunni militants allegedly from Syria in the north-eastern town of Arsal as the country faces "flagrant aggression," the government announced Monday...”

UNICEF laments Gaza child casualties, warns of task ahead

Author/Source: Tom Miles, Reuters

“More than 400 children have been killed in Israel's assault on Gaza, and almost a thousand times as many are traumatized and face an "extraordinarily bleak" future, the top UNICEF official in Gaza said on Tuesday...”

Air strikes in east of Syrian capital kill 64: monitoring group

Source: Reuters

“Air strikes by Syrian government forces in the eastern suburbs of the capital Damascus killed at least 64 people at the weekend, a monitoring group said on Tuesday...”

Iran nuclear talks likely on fringes of U.N. General Assembly: IRNA

Source: Reuters

“Iran and six world powers will probably discuss a potential deal on Tehran's nuclear program on the sidelines of the annual U.N. General Assembly (UNGA) in September, the state news agency IRNA quoted a senior Iranian negotiator as saying...”

Ceasefire agreed in Lebanese border town battle

Author/Source: Mariam Karouny and Tom Perry

“The Lebanese army and Islamist militants agreed a 24-hour ceasefire on Tuesday after four days of fighting triggered by the rebels' seizure of a border town, in the most serious spillover of Syria's three-year civil war into Lebanon...”

Central Asia

Azerbaijan accuses another rights activist of espionage

Source: Reuters

“A human rights activist in Azerbaijan has been arrested, just days after his activist wife was locked up, in a case that critics say highlights how the government is cracking down on dissent in the former Soviet republic...”

South Asia

4 foreign troops reportedly killed in Afghan insider attack

Source: Xinhua News

“At least four foreign soldiers were reportedly killed when an Afghan soldier fired on them in a military center in Kabul on Tuesday, a source said...”

Afghan president condemns shooting in military academy

Source: Xinhua News

“Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Tuesday strongly condemned a shooting attack against



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visiting Afghan and foreign trainers in Afghan National Military Academy in Kabul earlier in the day...”

India, Pakistan trade fire in disputed Kashmir

Author/Source: Xiang Bo, Xinhua News

“The troops of India and Pakistan Tuesday targeted each other's positions along line-of-control (LoC), which divides the disputed Kashmir region, officials said...”

33 Taliban militants killed in Afghan raids: gov't

Source: Xinhua News

“About 33 Taliban militants were killed while 15 others injured during military operations across Afghanistan since early Monday, the Interior Ministry said on Tuesday...”

East Asia

China says two Canadians suspected of threatening national security

Source: Reuters

“Two Canadians being investigated by Chinese authorities are suspected of stealing military information and threatening the country's national security, China's Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday...”

Japan's security fears grow as neighbors build up arms

Author/Source: Kiyoshi Takenaka

“Japan finds itself in a worsening security environment as North Korea pushes ahead with missile development and China and Russia step up military activity in the region, Japan's Defence Ministry said on Tuesday...”

Southeast Asia

Philippines sentences 12 Chinese fishermen to jail

Source: Reuters

“A Philippine court on Tuesday found 12 Chinese fishermen guilty of illegal fishing in Philippine waters, sending them to jail for six to 12 years, the first convictions since tension between the neighbors flared over rival claims in the South China Sea...”

Bangladesh garment workers demanding wages clash with police

Author/Source: Ruma Paul, Reuters

“Bangladeshi garment workers staging a hunger strike for nine days to press for back-pay and a holiday bonus clashed with police in the capital, Dhaka, on Tuesday, police and witnesses said...”

Opposition activist fabricated torture allegations, says Thai junta

Author/Source: Andrew R.C. Marshall, Reuters

“An opposition activist's claims that she was tortured in military custody were "100 percent fabricated", Thailand's ruling junta said on Tuesday, after the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights called for an immediate investigation...”



Australian gov't toughens terror laws

Author/Source: Xiang Bo, Xinhua News

“The Australian Government will introduce a range of counter-terrorism measures to give security agencies the resources and legislative powers needed to combat home-grown terrorism and Australians who participate in terrorist activities overseas...”

Africa

44 Indian nurses evacuated from Libya

Author/Source: Xiang Bo, Xinhua News

“A total of 44 Indian nurses arrived in the southern state of Kerala Tuesday, after being stranded in war-torn Libya for several days, a senior government official said...”

Central African Republic's PM, cabinet resign: state radio

Source: Reuters

“Central African Republic's prime minister and his cabinet have resigned, a spokesman for President Catherine Samba-Panza said on state radio on Tuesday...”

Central African Republic ceasefire in tatters after clashes

Author/Source: Crispin Dembassa-Kette, Reuters

“The Central African Republic's Muslim rebels and Christian militia accused each other on Tuesday of violating a ceasefire deal signed last month, following days of clashes in the country's remote north...”

At least nine killed in shootout in Egyptian coastal town: sources

Source: Reuters

“At least five policemen and four alleged smugglers were killed on Tuesday in a shootout near a northern Egyptian town after security forces tried to stop a vehicle suspected of carrying weapons and explosives, security sources said...”

Congo imprisons opposition leader following public rally

Source: Reuters

“An opposition leader in Democratic Republic of Congo was imprisoned on Tuesday after he spoke at a rally calling on President Joseph Kabila to respect constitutional term limits and step aside in presidential elections due in 2016...”

U.S., South Sudan prod rebels as peace efforts sputter

Author/Source: Phil Stewart, Reuters

“South Sudan's President Salva Kiir and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry both prodded rebels in the African country to engage in sputtering peace efforts on Tuesday after mediators said they failed to show up for the latest round of talks...”

Somalia's president expects new military push to begin in days

Author/Source: Phil Stewart, Reuters

Somalia's President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud told Reuters on Tuesday he expected a new military drive by African Union and Somali forces to start in the next few days to push al Shabaab militants from more territory.



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Europe

[Swiss add names to list to prevent bypassing of Russia sanctions](#)

Source: Reuters

“Switzerland on Tuesday added 26 Russians and Ukrainians and 18 organizations to a list designed to prevent it being used as a conduit to circumvent Western sanctions against Russia...”

[More Turkish police held as PM Erdogan says purge just beginning](#)

Author/Source: Daren Butler, Reuters

“Dozens of Turkish police officers were detained on Tuesday in a widening probe of wiretapping allegedly targeting Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan, and he said operations against his foes within the state apparatus were just beginning...”

[Russia to hold war games in show of strength near Ukraine](#)

Author/Source: Timothy Heritage and Maria Tsvetkova, Reuters

“Russia announced military exercises near the border with Ukraine on Monday in a show of strength as the Ukrainian army recaptured more territory from pro-Russian separatists in the east of the country...”

[Rebel fighter speaks out against east Ukraine separatist leaders](#)

Author/Source: Maria Tsvetkova, Reuters

“A 37-year-old rebel fighter in eastern Ukraine is speaking out against the separatist leadership, accusing them of adopting flashy lifestyles and pushing locals aside in a rebellion that has largely been taken over by Russians...”

[About 730,000 have left Ukraine for Russia this year: UNHCR](#)

Source: Reuters

“About 730,000 Ukrainians have left the country for Russia this year, the European head of the United Nations agency for refugees said on Tuesday, citing data compiled by Russia...”

[EU "warmly" welcomes 72-hour humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza](#)

Source: Xinhua News

“The European Union (EU) said on Tuesday that EU welcomes a 72-hour humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza Strip and urges this can be extended into a lasting ceasefire...”

[Croatian military aircraft crashes outside Zagreb](#)

Source: Xinhua News

“A Croatian military aircraft MiG-21 crashed near Zagreb on Tuesday and the pilot survived, according to reports from firefight unit...”

[Russia calls emergency U.N. Security Council meeting on Ukraine: TASS](#)

Source: Reuters

“Russia has called an emergency meeting of the United Nations' Security Council over the humanitarian situation in Ukraine, ITAR-TASS news agency reported on Tuesday...”



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Jets escort Qatar Airways plane into Manchester airport after bomb threat

Author/Source: Andrew Yates, Reuters

“Britain scrambled two fighter jets on Tuesday to escort a Qatar Airways plane into Manchester airport after the pilot reported a possible explosive device on board...”

Putin to chair high-level Russian talks in Crimea, defying West

Author/Source: Alexei Anishchuk, Reuters

“President Vladimir Putin, senior government officials and many lawmakers will visit Crimea next week, two sources told Reuters, in a defiant show of support for Russia's annexation of the Black Sea region despite tough new Western economic sanctions...”

More than 50 migrants hurt in clashes at French port

Author/Source: Pierre Savary, Reuters

“More than 50 people were injured, one seriously, on Tuesday when clashes broke out among African migrants gathered at France's northern port of Calais trying to reach Britain, authorities said...”

Ukraine keeps up anti-rebel offensive with nervous eye on Russia

Author/Source: Richard Balmforth, Reuters

“Ukrainian government forces, backed by warplanes, kept up a military offensive to claw back lost territory from pro-Russian separatists on Tuesday while casting a nervous eye at Russian military exercises over the border...”

US & Canada

Hagel pledges U.S. responsibility for world peace, security

Source: Xinhua News

“U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel on Monday pledged U.S. responsibility for peace and security in new world order...”

U.S. military team in Ukraine to help airliner crash probe

Author/Source: Peter Apps, Reuters

“A small U.S. military team has arrived in Kiev to help investigate the downing of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH17, the United States said on Tuesday, with more direct training support for Ukraine also possible...”

United States to sell Tunisia 12 Black Hawks to aid militant fight

Source: Reuters

“The United States is planning to sell Tunisia a dozen advanced attack helicopters as Washington seeks to help the North African state stamp out a mounting threat from Islamist militants...”

Russian Hackers Amass Over a Billion Internet Passwords

Author/Source: Nicole Perlroth and David Gelles, New York Times

“A Russian crime ring has amassed the largest known collection of stolen Internet credentials, including 1.2 billion user name and password combinations and more than 500 million email addresses, security researchers say...”



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Aviation

[U.N. aviation task force on conflict zones to meet August 14-15](#)

Source: Reuters

“The safety task force formed by the U.N. civil aviation body after the downing of a Malaysian airliner over Ukraine will meet for the first time Aug. 14-15 in Montreal, the organization said on Tuesday...”